

CANADA.

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COPY of a LETTER from B. HAWES, Esq. to HENRY YOUNG, Esq.

SIR,

Downing Street, March 21, 1851.

I AM directed by Earl Grey to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing an extract from the minutes of the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on the subject of the Clergy Reserves in Canada.

Henry Young, Esq.
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) B. HAWES.

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COPY of a LETTER from W. MORRIS, Esq. to Earl GREY.

64, Jermyn Street, St. James's, May 15, 1851.

(Answered May 23, 1851.)

MY LORD,

I BEG leave to hand you the accompanying parcel containing a Petition from the Synod of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, to Her Majesty the Queen, praying that the Clergy Reserves of Canada may not be alienated from the purposes for which they were set apart; also another petition to the same effect from the Commissioners of that Church appointed under the Act 3 & 4 Vict. cap. 78.; and another from the Lay Association; which, with sixty-two petitions from the several congregations of that Church, I have to request that you will be pleased to lay before Her Majesty for Her Majesty's gracious consideration.

With the exception of the three first-named petitions, and five of those from the congregations, there is an expression in the others which it is proper I should explain, as it is incorrect, though not intentionally so. The 29th Resolution of the Assembly of Canada, upon which their Address to Her Majesty was founded, was the principal one of the series, and was carried by a majority of two only, and had it not been for the absence, when the vote was taken, of four members who were opposed to it, the question would have been lost.

This circumstance caused the person who was employed to prepare the draught of a petition for the congregations, to say that the Address was carried by a majority of two, in place of saying that the principal resolution of the series upon which it was founded was so carried.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. MORRIS.

Unto Her most Gracious Majesty Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, with their Colonies and Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled.

HUMBLY SHOWETH,

THAT we, Your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects in this province, attached by national origin and by religious convictions to the Established Church of Scotland, were, after a long advocacy of our rights, declared by the highest legal authorities of the empire to be entitled to participate in the munificent grant made by Your Majesty's Royal Grandfather King George III. for the maintenance of a Protestant clergy in Canada, and this right was solemnly acknowledged and guaranteed by an Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the third and fourth years of Your Majesty's reign, cap. 78.

That Your Petitioners were induced to acquiesce in the statute aforesaid, though its provisions, as was then conceived, were inequitably unfavourable to our Church, on the ground that it was most desirable for the peace of the province, and the interest of pure religion within it, that this long agitated question should be settled by the Imperial Parliament; and, concurring in what appeared to be the prevailing wish of Your Majesty's subjects in this